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In re the Application of: **Hiroaki SATO et al.**

Filed : Concurrently herewith

For : **TWO-WAY CATV SYSTEM**

Serial No.: Concurrently herewith

March 20, 2000

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

S I R:

Prior to the issuance of an Office Action, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the following claims:

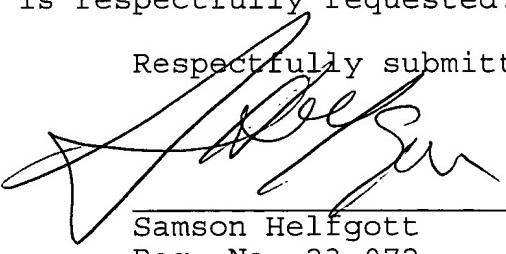
Claims 3-14, line 1, delete "or claim 2"

**R E M A R K S**

This amendment has been filed to avoid improper multiple dependent claims.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

  
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